COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

NATIONAL-SOUTHWIRE ALUMINUM COMPANY)

V.) CASE NO. 9437

BIG RIVERS ELECTRIC CORPORATION)

ORDER

On May 14, 1986, Big Rivers Electric Corporation ("Big Rivers*) filed a motion requesting the Commission to compel National-Southwire Aluminum Company ("NSA") to respond to Big Rivers' first and second request for information. Big Rivers alleges that (1) the information it has requested from NSA is relevant to the issues presented by NSA in this complaint proceeding; and (2) NSA's wholesale objections to providing the requested information have no merit and should be overruled. Rivers further requested the Commission to revise the procedural dates set forth in its Order issued April 9, 1986, wherein Big Rivers and Intervenors were to complete discovery by May 27, 1986, and file testimony, if any, by June 10, 1986. Big Rivers supports its request to modify the procedural schedule based on a claim that it can neither proceed with meaningful discovery or prepare testimony until it knows the nature and extent of NSA's ultimate responses to the requests for information.

On May 22, 1986, NSA filed its response objecting to Big Rivers' motion. NSA states that the procedural schedule should be adhered to and the case should proceed as expeditiously as possible. The Commission is also aware of motions filed by other parties which, if sustained, would affect the procedural schedule.

Based on Big Rivers' motion, NSA's response, and the evidence of record at this time, the Commission is of the opinion and hereby finds that the procedural schedule established by Order entered April 9, 1986, should be held in abeyance until such time as the Commission has had a full and complete opportunity to review the record and rule on the motion.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that the procedural schedule established by Order entered April 9, 1986, be and it hereby is suspended until further Order by the Commission.

Done at Frankfort, Kentucky, this 22nd day of May, 1986.

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

Chairman

Vice Chairman

Vice Chairman

Commissioner

ATTEST:

Secretary